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The pupils of Ysgol Iolo Morganwg recently took part in a healthy eating initiative. For the full story and more pictures, turn to page 4.
PHOTOGRAPH by MIKE WILCOCK

Hensol land earmarked for football academy

THE Vale Council is in negotiations with Cardiff City, over plans to bring the Bluebirds' new training academy to the Vale.

The council is considering making 37 acres of land near Hensol available for the project.

The football club has been looking to build its own training academy for some time, and now that it has been promoted to the Premier League, it has become a top priority.

Last week, the Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Neil Moore, brought a report to the cabinet of the council, to "seek authority to enter into an agreement for lease and thereafter a 150-year lease with Cardiff City Football Club of approximately 37 acres of land at Tynyplancau, Hensol, to enable them to develop the land as training pitches, professional squad and academy buildings". (See Leader's column, page 18)

Cabinet members were told that the club has been looking at sites in Cardiff and the Vale for a number of months and, following a short-listing of sites and confirmation of promotion to the Premier League, concluded that the preferred option is to locate training facilities at the council-owned site at Tynyplancau, Hensol.

The training facilities will need to be designed and constructed to the required Football Association and Premier

League standards.

The Bluebirds will be looking to construct a number of training pitches for both the professional and academy squads and provide accommodation for ancillary uses, including sports rehabilitation, sports medicine, recovery and physiotherapy.

The report noted: "In this regard, there are obvious synergies with the facilities on offer at the neighbouring Vale resort, which has a range of leisure, fitness and sport related facilities on offer".

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Hospital threat: Call for support in Vale

by **TIM CHAPMAN**

A VALE councillor has urged local people not to be complacent - after health chiefs backed a plan not to downgrade services at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend.

A meeting is scheduled for June 12 at Llantwit Major, where NHS officials will face the public to discuss the latest recommendations for hospital health provision.

Coun Gwyn John said: "People may be taking it for granted that Bridgend will remain a top site for 'A and E' with all the relevant support, but they should not be complacent."

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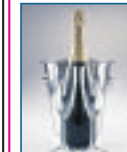
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ISLAND ROAD: progress needed

THE many letters over the massive congestion recently on, and to, Barry Island, with grid-lock extending many miles to the outskirts of Barry, remind me that when I first moved to live on Barry Island in 1977, there was an alternative route, other than the causeway, onto the Island.

This was through the docks themselves, and up Battery Hill (now Dock Road) onto Redbrink Crescent, where I lived until 2007.

At that time, it was possible to drive through the then busy docklands (Geest boats; ammunition ships and the odd submarine notwithstanding) from the Cadogton entrance onto the Island.

I did this for many years, as did other residents, even on busy bank holidays, or

November 5th (Bonfire night) when the same congestion always occurred, and still does.

Then ABP decided to terminate this alternative route – even blocking the steps and pathway onto Clive Road, until a successful residents' campaign had the right of access restored.

Successful administrations on the council have promised action, but nothing has been done. The Island residents, of whom I am not now one, have the right to be furious, as do the owners of businesses on the Island, who undoubtedly lose trade as a result of this chaos.

The 'blame game' and shifting of responsibility is nothing new.

Like the Euro-crisis, the politicians have no real answer, other than hand-wringing and promises of action.

Forget the promises, bang heads, and let's have PROGRESS on a second road.

Christopher Short Barry

Toll to pay for a new road?

AS an ex-Barry Island boy, whose family still live there, I feel I am probably slightly more qualified than some to comment on the traffic problems on the approaches to the Island.

Historically, most people in the early to mid-70s arrived by coach or train. In the early to mid-80s, the traffic changed to more cars than coaches.

During this time, the docks were still in use, and thus the road across the docks were in use by tankers, and also locals from the Vale that knew of the dock hill.

The dock hill road is still there. The road to the pump house roundabout is still there. It probably needs a bit of

TLC to put right – but this would be little cost compared to a new road.

May I suggest a temporary solution to the holiday problem?

Why doesn't the council, in co-operation with ABP or whoever currently has legal jurisdiction of the dock road, allow access to the Island to indigenous Islanders and emergency services?

As for cost, open the road only to residents, using barriers to stop vehicles approaching the road and install a toll – not a stupid amount of money, just enough to cover costs.

I expect a plethora of arguments both for and against.

But at least it is a possible solution to an issue that all other parties seem to have an egotistical problem to resolve.

Colin Ensor, Barry.

TASTY PRIZE

IRECENTLY used my GEM prize voucher to eat at The Highwayman, Rhooose and we really enjoyed our meal. The food was of an excellent quality and very well presented. Thank you.

J Harding

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THE REAL VICTIMS OF THE 'BEDROOM TAX'

EVERY day people in the Vale are suffering as a result of the UK Government's dismantling of the welfare state.

This cabinet of millionaires has chosen to target those people who are least able to fight back.

Those most affected by changes to welfare payments are not the scroungers portrayed by the Murdoch press. The people who are losing money are the terminally ill, children, workers on low wages, the learning disabled

and those at a crisis point as a result of homelessness or domestic abuse.

Research commissioned by the Financial Times has shown that in the Vale of Glamorgan alone, 3,300 households will be affected by the 'bedroom tax', leading to increased risk of homelessness and debt.

A further 16,000 families in the Vale will lose some child benefit, and 8,500 will lose tax credits.

Some will be affected by more than one of these changes, and by others such

as the abolition of Disability Living Allowance.

If you are one of these people, you may be interested to know that our MP is a strong supporter of Mr Duncan Smith's reforms, having voted with the Government at every stage of the passage of the welfare reform legislation.

Constituents include people who have to choose between heating and eating, and those who have to queue for food parcels to feed hungry children and babies.

S Bowyer, Barry.

Relief road: no magical cure, but it's vital to Island

IWRITE in response to Alan Jones in last week's GEM, who accused me of 'spouting the same old adage' regarding our safety concerns over the lack of an alternative route to Barry Island.

I have lived on Barry Island for 65 years, and can remember many incidents and emergencies that required 'immediate attention' – a light aircraft crashing over the cliff onto Jackson's Bay; a murder; a firearm incident; several fires; road traffic accidents blocking the Causeway twice in a week; serious fights and countless medical emergencies requiring ambulances that could not always get access.

How optimistic and how arrogant to assume such incidents will never occur at peak times again!

On Barry Island we have a large population, including a new housing estate. There is a school, a big old people's home, several beaches, cliffs, the sea and fairground

and railway station.

We have many visitors and cars, and now with the regeneration, lots of new events are planned.

Unfortunately, accidents and emergencies DO happen.

My worry is that where we once had an alternative route over the Docks via Battery Hill in the event of an emergency – now we have none.

We Islanders have been very patient for years. We were promised that the road would go ahead as part of the Dock's development, but have been continuously fobbed off.

Our patience is now wearing very thin. We are tired of being late going to and from work, or being unable to access our homes.

I do not pretend, and have never stated, that the relief road will provide a magical solution to all the traffic problems of Barry and beyond. That is not the issue.

The relief road is essential to the Island and a necessity for the regeneration programme and Docks development. **Beverley Mackintosh, Barry Island.**

'Thank you from the Cubs'

AS always, Cowbridge Cubs have been really busy lately having fun – but also learning about the planet and their role in the community.

The Cubs would like to thank Cowbridge Fire Brigade for a very informative tour around the station; Gordon at the New Hope charity shop, Llantwit Major, for giving us an inspiring talk about the valuable work they do in Nicaragua; Llwynhelig Farm for showing us how they make

compost (they even took us all to see the cows and let the boys sit on the tractor); Ann at Owls 4 You, for bringing three beautiful owls to see us; and the Physic Garden for showing us around the gardens.

We have also been busy picking up rubbish and raising money for comic relief. So it's been a busy year so far, and there's lots more to look forward to.

Richard Watson, Cowbridge Cubs.

MPs pay rises are a disgrace

ONCE again, the politicians have shown utter contempt for the people of this country.

First Minister Carwyn Jones spent £50 million of our money on a defunct airport; Cardiff Council are spending over £1 million in salaries on managers because they can't do their jobs properly.

Now we find that our wonderfully incompetent MPs in Westminster are to be given a 15 per cent pay rise – also a bigger rise of around 25 per cent has been mentioned.

Just what planet are these people on? They are certainly not on planet Earth 2013.

Haven't they seen the destruction they have caused outside Westminster?

People are losing jobs, pensioners are struggling to heat their homes, and over 350,000 people are relying on food banks to feed their families.

This doesn't include all the families who are losing benefits and pensions, and this shameful lot can give themselves this massive pay rise.

What a slap in the face for the hard working people of this country. You can certainly bet that if they are given this rise, the hot air bags in the Senedd will want the same.

The people must show our contempt for this and rise up – and tell David Cameron that we have had enough.

It is sickening to note that my grandson, who has learning difficulties, has had his benefit stopped.

Now we know why – it's to pay for these disgusting pay rises. **DJ Radford, Barry.**

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Martin Hirst

InDependent Diabetes Trust (IDDT)

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JUNE 6)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time		Ht	
	AM	M	PM	M
30 Thur	11.08	9.1	23.33	9.3
31 Fri			12.04	8.7
01 Sat	00.33	8.9	13.07	8.3
02 Sun	01.37	8.5	14.14	8.2
03 Mon	02.45	8.4	15.17	8.2
04 Tues	03.51	8.3	16.22	8.4
05 Wed	04.49	8.4	17.17	8.5
06 Thur	05.32	8.6	18.03	8.8

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

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BLUEBIRDS FLYING THIS WAY?

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Plaid Cymru councillor Ian Johnson told The GEM:

"Working alongside local sports clubs should be beneficial, and the investment in the Vale must be welcomed."

"However there will be a number of issues that will have to be ironed out before planning permission can be given."

"Local residents are concerned by the increase in traffic and any light pollution that might result from

floodlights and night usage of the facilities."

Coun Johnson said he thought the length of the lease was a surprise.

"A 150-year lease must be absolutely water-tight, as no-one ever really knows what the future might hold for a football club not owned by the supporters."

"The final contract must get a good deal for the Vale of Glamorgan, local residents and Cardiff City."

Senior Citizens' forward planning

COWBRIDGE Senior Citizens held a meeting on May 16 at the Lesser Hall in the Town Hall, when the main items on the agenda were forthcoming activities.

Members all contributed to what future planning should contain. We were delighted to welcome two new members, as it gave them an opportunity to be involved in our 'forward planning'.

Generally, the format of a trip every other month alternating with an activity, such as speakers and social

events, seemed to be the unanimous decision.

The next trip will be to Aberglasney House and Gardens, on Thursday, June 6, departing at 10am, returning at 4.30pm. For full details of the cost etc, contact Patricia Protheroe on 01446 775097.

Our annual tea-party will be held on Thursday, June 20 at the Lesser Hall, with everyone asked to bring a plate of food.

A trip to Carmarthen is being planned on Wednesday, July 3 (market day) and details will be finalised on June 20. There will be seats available for friends and members of the public

to join with us on this. Contact Mavis Ashford on 01446 775508 or Patricia Protheroe on 01446 775097 for more details.

MA

'Attend meeting' public are urged

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He added: "We need people to attend the meeting to make their feelings known."

A total of 3,000 people in Llantwit and the surrounding area backed a petition not to downgrade the Princess of Wales Hospital.

Coun John emphasised that no final decision had been made and that there was likely to be lobbying from people who favoured the Royal Glamorgan Hospital as one of the five 'regional centres'.

The meeting at Llantwit Hall is scheduled for 7pm on June 12.

A local woman, who has pancreatic cancer, is appealing to local people to support a fundraiser for Pancreatic Cancer Research.

Jane Williams told The GEM: "The Pancreatic

Cancer Research Fundraiser will be held at 1 Groeswen, Llantwit Major on Friday, June 7, from 10am to 3pm."

Jane also welcomes donations to her just giving page at: www.justgiving.com/JaneWilliams9.

300TH ANNIVERSARY OF LINK IS MARKED BY LAMBS' VISIT



ABOVE:
The LAMBS are pictured during their visit to Forde Abbey.

Judges were given hard task in school writing competition



Pictures by Mike Walsh



THE high standard of writing gave judges a hard task to choose the winners for this term's writing competition at Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

The entrants wrote a biography or autobiography, and judges were particularly impressed with Marianne Evans' work.

Marianne came first with an article based on an interview she conducted,

and she has been asked to represent the school in the Carnegie Shadowing event in June.

Amy Olding came second with a thoughtful biography.

The three third prize winners were Grace Edwards, Shannon Wade and Penny Weir.

Deputy Headteacher Mr Davis gave out the awards and congratulated the winners of a very challenging competition.

Kimberley Loyns

LLANSANNOR'S most famous son, Francis Gwyn, lived at Llansannor Court in the late 17th century.

Through marriage, he acquired properties including Forde Abbey in Somerset, where the Gwyn family resided until the mid 19th century.

Originally a Cistercian monastery, but greatly extended during subsequent centuries, Forde Abbey is now a private dwelling and major tourist attraction in the care of the Kennard family.

In 1713, Francis Gwyn was appointed as Secretary at War to Queen Anne and to mark the 300th anniversary of the occasion the LAMBS local history group visited Forde Abbey and Gardens on Friday May 17.

By prior arrangement, they were escorted around the Abbey buildings by a senior family member, Mr Mark Roper.

He gave the group a memorable tour, providing an informative and highly entertaining account of the historical development of the

house, including its occupancy by the Gwyn family.

Of particular interest were the exquisite Mortlake tapestries given to Francis Gwyn by Queen Anne, in recognition of his work as Secretary at War.

Mr Roper was thanked on behalf of the group by the LAMBS Chair and presented with an inscribed copy of the Millennium project booklet, Llansannor, which includes an illustrated chapter on Llansannor Court.

Afterwards, the party, travelling by car, met up in Lower Almondsbury for an evening meal at the Bowl Inn.

Cathie Brooks was thanked for organising what all agreed had been a hugely successful event.

Closure of two slip roads back on to the M5 motorway led to the party being scattered to all points of the compass – but a roll call next morning established that all cars had returned safely to Llansannor!

MB

Evening of clairvoyance

A CHARITY evening of clairvoyance with Emma Blake-Jones and Holly Charles will be held at The Little Shop of Calm, 1 Westgate, Cowbridge, on Saturday, June 1 at 7.30pm-10.30pm.

Demonstration of mediumship and clairvoyant techniques includes working with photographs from the

audience, direct mediumship, psychometry and flower reading.

Proceeds go to the Touch Trust and Rebounders.

Tickets £5 advance or

£6 on the door. Contact The Little Shop of Calm on 01446 771166.

Help support cancer research

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Cowbridge pupils are given a taste of healthy eating as part of UK's biggest volunteering day



PHOTOGRAPHS by MIKE WILCOCK

THE local Waitrose store welcomed pupils from Ysgol Iolo Morganwg recently as part of its initiative to promote health eating.

The day was part of the UK's biggest day of volunteering, the Give & Gain Day.

As can be seen from Mike Wilcock's images, the pupils learned a lot about food and were even able to enjoy some samples.



Cowbridge's Tudor reigns supreme at Pembrokeshire steeplechase

COWBRIDGE'S James Tudor had plenty to smile about at the rain-lashed Pembrokeshire Hunt Steeplechases which saw the end of the Welsh season.

James, a former national point-to-point champion, not only celebrated his 30th birthday he also landed a double when winning the men's open race on Rosies Peacock and division two of the maiden on

Karazaaf. Both Rosies Peacock and Karazaaf are owned and trained by Pembrokeshire's David Llewellyn and James, who is just one win away from booting home his 250th winner (that's under rules and between-the-flags), has won the Welsh riders' title for the first time.

Rosies Peacock was up to his old tricks as usual and unshipped James before the start but once he got going he took over from the pace-making Llangeinor horse Midnight Diamond four fences from home to score by five lengths.

Karazaaf, who was prominent throughout, scored by four lengths from the favourite Hilda Brown ridden by Ogmores' Nick

Williams. James could have been on a hat-trick in the restricted race when riding Tiger Rag only to fall at the second last fence when challenging John Clayton who had made all the running under George Humfrey.

Charlotte Prichard riding David Brace's home-bred Knight Blaze employed catch me if you can tactics when landing the AGA ladies' open race by 25 lengths from Little Miss Monty and Rachel Leyshon who made up a lot of ground in the final stages.

Rachel, from Bridgend, also rode an enterprising race when winning the members' race on Wyn Morris's best turned out

Dungledy Storm who had twenty lengths to spare over the favourite Market Maker, ridden by Tudor.

The first division of the open maiden race went to NumberCruncher who was backed from 4-1 to 6-4 favourite.

Well ridden by Matthew Barber, the seven-year-old bay gelding won by a head from Tudor's mount Danny Mags.

Heavy rain and winds made the conditions so bad that only five book-makers turned up and for the first time ever at a point-to-point, a marquee was erected to protect the satchel men from the elements.

BRIAN LEE

Fundraising group for local hospice needs you

I AM writing to call on GEM readers to join the Cowbridge Fundraising Group for The Marie Curie Hospice, Cardiff and the Vale, which is looking for new members.

Group members can make an enormous difference locally by helping to raise the vital funds needed to support the Marie Curie hospice at Penarth, which provides expert care and the best possible quality of life, totally free, for people with cancer and other illnesses.

The Cowbridge Fundraising Group will be promoting fundraising within the local community by organising fundraising activities and collections, encouraging new volunteers to help the charity, as well as supporting Marie Curie's major fundraising campaigns, such as the Great Daffodil Appeal and Blooming Great Tea Party.

To join your local fundraising group for Marie Curie Cancer Care, pop along to an informal meeting that

we are organising on Tuesday, June 25 at the Bear Hotel; we will be meeting in the bar area at 5pm.

Please call me on 02920 426068, or email:

helen.griffiths@mariecurie.org.uk for further information.

Helen Griffiths, Penarth (Marie Curie Community Fundraiser)

LEGION BINGO

THE hottest place in Cowbridge for a good night out is ... the Lesser Hall at the Town Hall!

There you get Hot Bingo (the prizes increase each evening); good food, great atmosphere and, of course, the Raffle.

Those of a nervous disposition are advised not to attend - the excitement mounts to a frenzy as the night progresses!

Why not join us on Thursday, June 6? Doors open at 7pm. Eyes down 7.30pm. Bring your own wine.

Basil Watkins



Come and meet the new Mayor on page 5!



'OVER TO YOU (again) MADAM MAYOR!'



PHOTOGRAPHS by MIKE WILCOCK

AS reported in last week's GEM, Coun Gwen Baty is the new Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian (for the third time).

The mayor-making ceremony took place in the council chambers and was attended by a large number of councillors, dignitaries, friends and family.

Coun Baty's consort will be her son, Geraint, and Coun Peter Knapp is the new Deputy Mayor. His consort will be his wife, Josephine.

Coun Baty told The GEM that she had chosen to raise funds for two charities, Macmillan and Marie Curie, during her year in office.

She said: "I will be hosting a charity coffee morning in the council chambers every month, on the first Saturday in the month."

Police appeal over incidents of 'indecent exposure'

POLICE in the Vale are investigating a number of incidents of indecent exposure which have been reported in recent weeks.

Sightings have been reported in villages, including Peterston Super Ely, Craig Penllyn and Penllyn, of a man in his 30s wearing only a pair of training shoes and a balaclava.

Acting sector police inspector Darren Grady said: "This person has been seen across the Vale at several different locations."

"While incidents of this nature are extremely unusual, we are exploring all avenues of investigation to find the individual responsible."

"We have increased police patrols and are appealing to anyone who may have seen anything suspicious, or who may know who is responsible, to contact us."

If anyone has information regarding this incident, contact Penarth police station on 10.1 or free and anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 (quote reference 62130151724).



Local First Responders appeal for volunteers

THE local group, East Vale First Responders, based in Llantwit Major, is appealing for volunteers.

Community First Responders are trained to attend emergency calls received by the ambulance service and provide care until the ambulance arrives.

The local organisation has been going for eight years and there are many people in the local community who have been grateful for their swift arrival.

Spokesman, Byron Evans, said: "We set up East Vale First Responders in 2006 – at the time I was a responder for about 18 months

in Barry. "We are always keen to recruit more volunteers and if people are interested they can go to the website: www.evfr.co.uk for more details."

Byron's wife Lizbeth has also been an important member of the group, supervising the critical aspect of training.

In fact, a recent donation to the local responders led to a nostalgic trip down memory lane for the couple

Byron explained: "Lizbeth and I went to Llantwit Major and District Riding Club to receive a cheque for £1,000."

"We had met at the club 30 years earlier! Lizbeth was a member at the time."

The East Vale First Responders hold their own fundraising events, but are always grateful to local organisations who are prepared to recognise their vital work with financial support.

FLOWER DEMO

THE Cowbridge and District Flower Arrangers Club presents 'Sticks and Stems' – a demonstration by Elizabeth Gordon – in Cowbridge Town Hall on Wednesday, June 5, at 7.30pm. Admission, £7 at the door

PENSIONER CRIPPLED FOR LIFE AFTER CAR CRASHES INTO HER

A PENSIONER has been crippled for life after her son-in-law crashed his van into her.

by AJ
SICLUNA

Pauline Crabtree was trapped against a wall, which then collapsed on her, said prosecutor Ieuan Morris at Cardiff Crown Court.

James Mechan (42) of Church Road, Barry, admitted a charge of dangerous driving.

He was jailed for a year, and disqualified from driving for three years.

Said Judge Niclas Parry: "You were a ticking bomb, a disaster waiting to happen."

"You have no doubt you were not fit to drive."

He said that if he had killed Mrs Crabtree, he would have gone to prison for six or seven years.

"What happened was almost inevitable," said the Judge.

Mr Morris said that at the time, Mechan was driving a transit van, when he should not have been on the road. He suffered from a medical

condition which made him unfit to drive. He should have disclosed this to the DVLA.

Mrs Crabtree had serious injuries including two fractured legs.

She also had to undergo a bone graft.

Since the incident she cannot sleep properly, is in constant pain and cannot run, jump or kneel.

The collision, said Mr Morris occurred in Bridgend Road, Barry, at about 11.45am on June 23.

Mechan mounted the kerb, pinning Mrs Crabtree against a wall which collapsed on her.

Six months before, he had gone to his GP and was diagnosed with a form of epilepsy. He was advised not to climb ladders and he wrongly indicated to the doctor that he was not a driver.

At the time, Pauline Crabtree was returning home for lunch, and was yards from her house when the van suddenly appeared.

After the incident,

Mechan drove off and parked.

He walked up to the scene and said: "What's happened here, then?"

When the police arrived, he said he had been experiencing black-outs.

He later maintained he didn't know he had a medical condition.

In addition to the bone grafts, said Mr Morris, the injured woman had metal plates inserted in the injuries.

While she was in hospital, Mechan telephoned her and said he didn't know how he hit her.

He was said to have previous convictions for driving with excess alcohol and driving while disqualified.

His barrister, Andrew Taylor, said: "He has not driven since the incident. It was a very unfortunate case of dangerous driving."

Ramblers on a 10-mile stroll in the sun

VALE Ramblers enjoyed a 10-mile walk to Brombil Cwmwern Reservoir, on Sunday May 26.

The weather was fabulous, with sunshine and blue skies and a welcome cool breeze. It made a huge difference from the snow a few years ago and the icy paths a couple of winters past when walking from Brombil.

David's description of the walk was spot on, with a gradual ascent from Brombil in Margam. Our coffee stop was well planned, with wonderful views across to Swansea Bay, and we were entertained by a Red Kite circling.

Then across and down to Goytre, with the footpath taking us through the cemetery. A stroll along the Frwdwyllt, before we ascended again for lunch at the Cwm Werneri reservoir.

Another gentle climb to walk a little on Coed Morgannwg Way before coming back down to Brombil through the forest, where we were in fact on the diverted Wales Coastal Path.

Twelve of us enjoyed fine walking, fine views, fine weather and fine company. It was lovely to see Cardiff group's Chris and Peter again and a warm welcome went to Clive, joining us on his first Sunday walk. LF

News from the St Hilary WI

THE monthly meeting of St Hilary WI was held in the village hall on May 14 – the AGM was combined with the resolution meeting – and commenced with a welcome to WI adviser, Mrs Janet Jones, of Pontypridd WI.

It was announced that the coffee morning held by Sue Knight had raised a much-needed £70 for Institute funds. Jenny Hughes began the treasurer's report by giving a vote of thanks to honorary auditor, Mr Jeff Niblett.

Next year may be tight financially, as membership is now down to 15.

President, Betty Thomas said that it had been a year of firsts: the AGM moved from October to May because of travelling during the dark winter nights; the birthday celebration became a lunch instead of a dinner; and also because of dark nights, there were three afternoon instead of evening meetings.

Janet Jones spoke on the launching of the new WI Guide, which uses technology. Voting for the new committee took place. Actual voting was unnecessary as,

apart from one member, the Committee was to remain the same. Sue Knight stepped down and Sian Deal was elected in her stead.

This year there was only one Resolution: promoted by the National Federation, calling on members to support local businesses on High Streets to try and reverse their decline.

The very high rents on Cowbridge High Street were mentioned among other things.

Many thought that this was a matter that would be more or less impossible to influence and that there were other areas where voices and action could actually make a difference.

It was agreed that general dissatisfaction with the Resolution would be mentioned when voting was sent to the Federation.

To round up the meeting Jo Williams gave an amusing report on the spring council meeting held on April 29 in Porthcawl, which she and Joy Rees attended on the Institute's behalf.

Olive Lewis won the competition for an item of copper.

The next meeting will be on June 11 and will be a crochet evening held at the home of president Betty Thomas. SD

Beavers clean-up for Community Week...



The young car washers tackle their task with gusto.

AS their contribution to the event wash at Cowbridge Scout Community Fire Station, when Week (formerly Bob-a-Job week) loose with sponges the Beavers in and hoses on the Cowbridge organ-

ents and their friends.

The adults need not have worried; the Beavers took their job very seriously, even if the odd water fight broke out, and any marks missed were picked up by the Firemen who kindly lent their support.

The event raised over £56, and this money is being split between the Firefighters' charity, Water Aid and the Scouting movement.

Cowbridge Beavers would like to thank all the crew at the Fire Station for letting us come back again, and giving their assistance so willingly and enthusiastically.

ELUNED MORAN
Beaver Leader

Local Bridge club remembers David

RESULTS for Cowbridge and District (Llanblethian) Bridge Club for Tuesday, May 21:

First, Luba Ashworth and Joan Bird, 64.44 per cent; second, Brian Swain and Dennis Smith, 63.89; third, Ann Miller and Judith Nunn, 62.38.

Members were saddened to hear of the death of David Wright. He was a true gentleman.

David was a founder member of the club and club director for 40 years. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

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'New Adventure' for bus services

A THREATENED rural bus service has been saved by a partnership between the Vale Council and local bus operator, New Adventure Travel.

The council and the operator have arranged a new Bus Service 303, which will replace Bus Service 145, and will generally operate hourly, Mondays to Saturdays, from Bridgend via Ogmore by Sea, Southerndown, Wick, St Donat's, Llantwit Major, St Athan and Rhosce through to Barry, and then continues to Cardiff as Service 304.

The new 303 Service will commence on

Monday, June 10.

On Sundays, from June 16, Bus Service 303 (replacing current Bus Services 145 and X5) will operate two hourly from Bridgend via Ogmore by Sea, Southerndown, Wick, St Donat's, Llantwit Major, St Athan and Rhosce through to Barry, and then continues to Cardiff as Service 304.

From Saturday, July 20, New Adventure Travel plan to extend Bus Service 303 commercially from Llantwit Major through to Barry and offer a more regular, easier to understand timetable than the current commercial Bus Service X45. Further details on this extension will be released shortly.

New Adventure Travel can be contacted by telephoning 02920 442 040.

Coun Lis Burnett said: "I am delighted that we have been able to work with New Adventure Travel to secure the future of these important Vale local bus services – and would ask people to use the services as much as they can, in order that they can be retained for the foreseeable future."

All bus timetables can be found on the council's website at: http://www.valeofglam-organ.gov.uk/living/transportation/public_transportation/bus_timetables.aspx

Beekeeping event explains how hives are managed



Photos by
**MIKE
WILCOCK**

COWBRIDGE Library recently held an event explaining how bee-keeping is carried out, and the important work that bees do in our environment.

Beekeeper Jeanie Hainsworth-Lamb gave a talk explaining how hives are managed and what people should do if they would like to become a keeper themselves.

As you can see from Mike Wilcock's images, both young and old were fascinated by the subject.



Friendly Bo needs a home



The GEM has joined forces with the Dog's Trust to find caring new owners for animals at its Bridgend Rehoming Centre (telephone 01656 725219).

This week, A Dogs Trust spokeswoman introduces Bo:

"Bo is a nine-year-old Terrier cross who found herself with us through no fault of her own.

"She is an active little girl, and is really enjoying her training with us. She really loves her toys, and a game of tug-of-war is the perfect treat after some fun training.

"She is unsure of people she doesn't

know, so would like to meet someone who is happy to visit her at the centre a few times before taking her home – but she is worth the effort, as she is very affectionate once she knows you.

"She would like to be the only dog in the home, and prefers teenage children and adults to small children. Having always lived in a home before now, she is house-trained."

"If you can offer Bo the home she deserves, please call us on 01656 725219 or pop into Dogs Trust, Court Colman, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend, CF31 4NG. We are open 12-4pm every day except Monday."



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Llanharry's festival is a crowd-puller!

LLANHARRY festival, organised by Llanharry and Tylagarw Community Association, and supported by Lovell, recently drew the crowds, with attractions ranging from live bands and dancing to classic cars, motorcycles and an art show.

The company also sponsored a shield presented to winners of the five-a-side football tournament held by Llanhari Primary School and sponsored the 'player of the match' award, which went to five-year-old Evan Holbrook.

C o m m u n i t y

Association chairman Nigel Pittard, said: "We were really pleased with the event and delighted with the turnout.

"We had some great feedback from the people who came along and the children had a fantastic time.

"We're very grateful for Lovell's support. Help from our sponsors is extremely important to us – we couldn't put on something like this without them."

Lovell community liaison officer Bernadette Vickery commented: "The festival really brought everyone together and it was wonderful to see such strong community spirit.

"We were very glad to be able to get involved and play a part in helping the event happen."

Llantwit beer festival is a chance to sample great ales and meet up with old friends...

PHOTOGRAPHS by ANDY WICKS

ON Saturday, May 19, a beer festival was held at the Old Swan Inn in Llantwit Major.

Local photographer, Andy Wicks, was on hand to capture the entertainment, people meeting up with old friends and, of course, sampling great ales!



RIGHT and ABOVE: People enjoyed the rare glimpse of sunshine, and were able to pass the time with friends while enjoying entertainment courtesy of local bands (bottom left).



Drama as lifeboat saves drowning swimmer

A dramatic rescue took place at Whitmore Bay on May 23 when a woman who was in serious danger of drowning, was hauled out of water by the crew of Barry Dock RNLI lifeboat.

The woman had been enjoying the sun on Barry Island beach with friends when she decided to go for a swim. Unfortunately, the wind and tide pulled her offshore and she was unable to get back to the beach.

One GEM reader said: "She was clearly in difficulty and my wife used the phone at Marco's Cafe and called the Coastguard."

"We understand another call had already been made by another concerned observer. 'The woman was in the water for at least 20 minutes."

"The Barry Dock lifeboat then arrived and lifted the woman out of the water." She was taken to shore where and ambulance and police personnel were on hand. She was treated for hypothermia and shock. Senior RNLI volunteer crew member, Dave Phillips, said: "Thanks to a member of the public calling 999 and asking for the Coastguard, we were able to launch to this swimmer in time to save her life. 'This is a timely reminder that you should only swim on a life-guarded beach.' The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea. To find out more about their vital work, people are welcome to visit the station open day June 29, from 10am- 4pm. Call Elizabeth Matthews on 01446 738923 for more details."

MAYOR SHARES OUT £11K TO CHOSEN CHARITIES



Chequing out with a flourish!

ONE of the final events for Coun Eric Hacker as Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan was to present cheques to his three charities.

Representatives from Help for Heroes, Prostate Cymru and the Bridgend Branch of the Stroke Association all attended a reception at the Mayor's Parlour in the Town Hall, Barry.

Coun Hacker said: "Heather and I are pleased to have supported these charities and feel they have been good charities to work with. There are so many good causes looking for support and in these hard times it has been quite difficult at times to get support for our events.

"However, we have tried our hardest and I am pleased with our result. I am delighted to announce that the total amount raised during my year as Mayor is £11,155.38, which includes cash raised during our fortnightly coffee mornings in the Civic Office.

"Heather and I would like to thank everyone who has helped us achieve this fantastic result."

Vale MP opens coffee morning

AGE Concern Cardiff and Vale held a successful coffee morning at the Senior Health Shop in Holton Road recently.

The coffee morning was opened by Vale MP, Alun Cairns, and was well attended by the local community.

Mr Cairns was presented with a foot gift and card signed by Friends and Neighbours for his recent marathon

run in London, when he nominated Age Concern Senior Health Shop and Friends and Neighbours, along with RNLI, as his charities.

Head Office local hairdressers donated a first prize voucher of £50.

All funds raised from the event were divided between Senior Health Shop and Friends and Neighbours.

Teaching Assistant of the Year hails from Barry's Albert Primary School

RIGHT: Mary Lane with head-teacher Mr Huw Jones, deputy head Ceri Hawkins, and Mrs Chris Latham, the special educational needs co-ordinator at the school.

ALBERT Primary School's Mary Lane has been named winner of the Pearson Award for Teaching Assistant of the Year in Wales.

The Pearson Teaching Awards, founded by Lord Putnam in 1999, are held each year as a celebration of exceptional teachers and teaching.

Mary, who was the first teaching assistant to be employed by Albert Primary, has been involved with the school for more than 40 years.

When her children started at the school, Mary was voted chair of the Parent Teacher Association and began volunteering at the school.

She was then taken on as the first teaching assistant to be employed in the school.

Headteacher Huw Jones, who nominated Mary for the award, described her as the



"Jewel in the crown, the queen of Albert".

Mary is held in the highest regard by all her colleagues and has been described as "the glue which holds Albert together", supporting pupils and their families.

In January, the school held a celebration to recognise Mary's 40 years at Albert Primary, attended by colleagues and pupils past and present.

Mary will join fellow winners at the UK final of the Teaching Awards on 20 October, which will be filmed in London and broadcast by the BBC.

Truancy patrols nets two pupils

TWO children were caught skipping school during the first Vale-wide truancy patrol, held earlier this month.

Officers patrolled the areas of Cowbridge, Llantwit, Penarth, Dinas Powys and Barry for three hours between 10am and 1pm on Monday, May 13, a Vale Council spokesperson reported.

Ten children, eight accompanied by a parent, were stopped by council officers and asked why they were not in school. Although eight children had valid reasons for being absent, such as exclusion or illness, two children claimed they had a "free lesson", but were found to be truanting.

"The relevant schools have been notified of the names of the pupils who were stopped and questioned as part of the patrols. Further patrols will be held once a term. The next one will be held during the autumn term," the spokesperson added.

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Pupils win awards for anti-racism campaign

THREE pupils from the Vale of Glamorgan have won national awards, after helping to campaign against racism in their local area.

Nia Fenn, from Ysgol Bro Morgannwg, won the Welsh Language category, Phoebe Jennings, from St Illtyd's Primary School, was a runner-up in the poster design year 5 and 6 category; and Dylan Thomas, from St Illtyd's Primary School, was a runner-up in the poster design years 1-4 category at the national 'Show Racism the Red Card' awards ceremony at the Marriott Hotel in Cardiff.

Players from the newly-crowned football league champions, Cardiff City, were among the stars giving out prizes to the youngsters, alongside players from the Dragons and the Ospreys.

The event, which was hosted by Sport Wales and *Scrump* V presenter Lisa Rogers and *CBeebies* presenter Alex Winters, marked the sixth year of the annual competition run by 'Show Racism the Red Card'.

Lisa Rogers has been a long time ambassador of the charity, having presented the awards for the last three years. "Show Racism the red card" works on the very basic premise that if you want to get rid of racist attitudes, the people you need to talk to are children. And it works," she said.

"I've been to their workshops and saw the huge power for good and that's why I continue to support their awards event every year."

The anti-racism charity, which delivers workshops in schools across Wales, is celebrating a record-breaking year, having educated nearly 14,000 youngsters on how to stop racism in their communities this academic year alone.

The organisation uses the high profile role model status of sports stars to help educate young people across Wales about the reality of racism and the terrible effects the social ill can have on people and schools.

As part of Show Racism the Red Card's work, young people were asked to design posters, t-shirts, write a piece of poetry or perform a piece of dance or drama with a strong anti-racism message.

It was the biggest competition ever, with almost 10,000 youngsters from more than 150 schools taking part, and 95 per cent of council areas getting involved, including the Vale.

Nia Fenn produced a Welsh language poster



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described by judges as "innovative and thought-provoking". She was given her award by Tom Smith from the Ospreys, who handed over a Kindle, a goody bag, an award and a framed certificate.

Phoebe Jennings produced a poster described by judges as "wonderfully bright". She was given her award by ex-Cardiff City player Christian Roberts, who presented a £20 Amazon gift voucher, a goody bag, an award and a framed certificate.

Dylan Thomas produced a poster described by judges as "fun, bright and uplifting, with a strong message of togetherness". He was given his award by ex-Newport Gwent Dragons player Nathan Palmer, and also received a £20 Amazon voucher, a goody bag, an award and a framed certificate.

There was a special performance from world famous football freestyler Ash Randall and his SBX team, and a dance display by students of Bryn Hafren Comprehensive in Barry, who have worked in partnership with the charity for the last five years.



ABOVE: Bryn Hafren School's dance group entertained the audience.

LEFT: Dylan Thomas of St Illtyd's Primary received his prize from former Dragons rugby player, Nathan Palmer.



Phoebe Jennings, from St Illtyd's Primary School, pictured with her parents.



ABOVE: Nia Fenn, of Ysgol Bro Morgannwg, received her prize from Tom Smith of the Ospreys, and Coun Gwyn John.

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'Bedroom tax' sparks debate

A PLAID CYMRU councillor in the Vale has criticised the Westminster Government's so-called 'bedroom tax', as figures show that a sizeable minority of households affected in the Vale include a disabled resident.

Plaid Cymru Coun Ian Johnson told The GEM that of the 650 households affected by the bedroom tax in the Vale, 308 include a recipient of the disability premium.

Coun Johnson claimed the Coalition was being 'heartless'.

He said: "These figures show up the bedroom tax for what it is - a smash and grab on some of the most vulnerable in society."

"Conservatives and Liberal Democrats should be ashamed of themselves."

"Our local MP is very keen to talk about the Welsh Government or the Vale Council, but not upon policies that he voted through at Westminster."

"This is a heartless and impractical policy which will save little money but creates difficulties for families who have little spare income to draw upon."

"Nearly half of those affected in the Vale receive the disability premium: £14 a week may not sound like much to some people, especially Conservative MPs, but £728 per year is a substantial amount extra to find."

"Just where are these households going to find additional income to spend on this?"

Some people argue that the "bedroom tax" is not a tax, but actually a welfare

transfer. Those under-occupying council or social housing - in terms of the number of bedrooms - don't have to pay the state money, but receive a smaller handout from taxpayers.

'SELECTIVE'
Local MP Alun Cairns said Coun Johnson's figures were "highly selective," and that he was failing to take into consideration families needing larger accommodation.

He explained: "Welfare reform is always difficult and it is about making the system fairer to all concerned."

"These figures are highly selective and we need to remember that there are five times more people on the housing waiting list here in the Vale that could be helped to be housed under the

changes. I know of one example where there is one person living in a four bed council house, but also of hundreds of families waiting for such accommodation."

"It is also a scandal that the level of new social housing build fell significantly in the years leading up to 2010 when there was a Plaid Cymru housing Minister."

"Many are not affected by the policy, because pensioners are excluded, as well as people with specific disability needs."

"I have received many calls from people worried about the policy, but when I look into their details, they are excluded as a result of the many exemptions. There is a lot of scaremongering going on and critics need to act responsibly."

"It is also worth noting that people on housing benefit that rent in the private sector don't receive payments for extra bedrooms. In order to be equitable, is Coun Johnson suggesting that these claimants also receive extra payments?"

He added: "To have any credibility, anyone who criticises this policy needs to explain where the money would come from to reverse such a change."

PUPILS ARE APPALLED BY DUMPED LITTER



The students with bags of rubbish collected from the pathways leading to Porthkerry Park.

VALEWAYS is a volunteer-based project for the maintenance, protection, preservation and promotion of public rights of way in the Vale.

As part of their personal social development 'community service' course, Barry year-11 students joined forces with the Valeways project on a 'walk and clear' morning in the local Millwood area.

The students collected six bags of rubbish from the pathways leading down to Porthkerry Park. The Valeways volunteers also entertained the boys with stories and local historical information along the route.

The students were amazed at the amount of litter left in an area of such beauty. And found it hard to understand how people can just drop litter.

PACT meetings

COURT PACT, Ilminster Scout Hall, Ilminster Street, Barry, May 30 at 6pm.

GIBBONS DOWN PACT, The Residents' Board Office, Coychurch Rise, Barry, June 4 at 10.30am.

PLYMOUTH PACT, Brockhill Community Centre, Penarth, June 5 at 7pm.

CORNERSWELL PACT, Fairfield Primary School, June 12 at 6pm.

Local authors seeking votes

SULLY author Eileen Young (91) has been shortlisted for the People's Book Prize, along with fellow author Terry Cooper.

Both published by Cardiff-based Candy Jar Books, 91-year-old Eileen's book *One Woman's War* has been shortlisted in the non-fiction category, while Cooper's *Kangazang!* Star Stuff is a finalist in the fiction category of the competition.

The People's Book Prize is a literary competition open to all published authors and judged solely by the

public. Eileen wrote her book to help raise the awareness of the fundamental work of the Filter Room during the Second World War. *One Woman's War* is a personal account of war as a member of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF).

Kangazang! Star Stuff is the second book of the hilarious Kangazang! sci-fi trilogy.

Voting will remain open until the awards ceremony on May 29. Visit www.peoples-bookprize.com.

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CARDIFF CROWN COURT ROUND-UP by AJ SICLUNA

Man suffered a double fracture of jaw in an 'unprovoked' attack

ONE of two men who were involved in a verbal exchange in the centre of Barry, suffered a double fracture of the jaw, Cardiff Crown Court has been told.

Jordan Hunt (19) of Fford Elin, Barry, admitted inflicting grievous

bodily harm on 26-year-old Matthew Gill and was sentenced to 18 months in a young offender institution.

Said Judge Nicolas Parry: "This was a wholly unprovoked attack in broad daylight in a public place. It was cowardly and snide."

"You approached from the side where he could not see the blow that was

coming. You then decked him and punched him when he was on the floor. You have trained boxing skills, and you used them. This was a sustained attack causing serious injury."

Prosecutor Julian Greenwood said the incident in Barry Road, Barry, was captured on closed circuit television.

The two men had words, after which Hunt attacked Mr Gill causing him a double fracture of the jaw which had to be wired and re-set. He still suffers from numbness.

Since the incident, Mr Gill said he felt too scared to go to Barry to visit friends.

He said: "I don't know how I'll get over this."

He also added that he no longer liked going out.

Doctors have told him, he said, that he could

have nerve damage to his face for the rest of his life.

Said Mr Greenwood: "Mr Gill can think of no motive for the attack."

The court heard that Hunt had a previous conviction for actual bodily harm in an incident of "gratuitous violence" in Thompson Street, Barry.

His counsel, Peter Harding-Roberts, said: "It was accepted that the victim could not defend himself, but at the time the two had exchanged words."

"The harm caused was not the most serious, but the assault didn't end with just one punch."

He added there was no premeditation, and he decided to attack on the spur of the moment.

"His father was the first to say he was completely out of order," said Mr Harding-Roberts.

Caught with drugs in a night club

STAFF at a Cardiff club discovered a man in possession of prohibited drugs when they went into a lavatory.

At Cardiff Crown Court, Ryan Ansell (21) of Jackson's Quay, Barry, was jailed for a year, the sentence suspended for 18 months.

Ansell had admitted possessing mephadrone with the intent to supply.

Said Judge Christopher Llewellyn-Jones: "I have a suspicion you were dealing in drugs on a greater scale than what I have to sentence you for. I sentence you on the basis that you are a small-time dealer."

He said the courts crack down on people who supply drugs, for the simple reason they cause a lot of trouble.

"Rest assured if you come back here again for dealing in drugs, a long sentence will follow. You are trying to better yourself, and that's to your credit."

Prosecutor Geoffrey Jones said that in the early hours of November 3 last year, staff at Club X, Charles Street, Cardiff, went into the lavatory where Ansell was acting suspiciously.

He was found to have on him a quantity of mephadrone and £50 in cash.

"He was detained and handed over to the police."

Ansell indicated that he worked as a disc jockey in Cardiff and Bristol. On his mobile phone were many texts indicating a background of drugs.

When arrested, said Mr Jones, he lied to the police claiming the drugs were for personal use and the £50 was dole money.

He later admitted he had been dealing for some months.

His solicitor, Adam Sharpe, said: "At night, he intended to sell four deals of the drug. What was seized was at the modest end of the scale."

"He has experienced great shame in committing the offence. Fortunately, he has a positive work ethic."

Mr Sharpe said his mother was enraged, disappointed and appalled at what he had done, and he had been severely reprimanded.

"He no longer takes drugs," said Mr Sharpe.

Ansell was also made subject to a supervision order for 18 months, and ordered to carry out 100 hours unpaid work, to attend a substance misuse programme and to pay costs of £750 plus a victim surcharge of £100.

Man is found guilty of manslaughter

A KILLER who attacked a man while wearing only a bath towel, has been jailed for 12 years at Cardiff Crown Court.

Stuart Worvell (22) of Tonna Road, Maesteg, was found not guilty of murdering Thomas Sutton, but guilty of manslaughter.

He was also found not guilty of attempting to murder a friend of Mr Sutton, Kyle Harris.

Mr Justice Wynn Williams said he had seen no sign of remorse.

The court heard that Mr Sutton and Mr Harris called at Worvell's house on the night of June 26, believing a party was going on. Worvell was sitting in his bath listening to music.

Prosecutor Greg Taylor QC said he went downstairs, wearing only a towel, and opened the door.

As the two men came inside, Worvell, who armed himself with a six-inch knife, stabbed Mr Sutton in the neck and chest.

"It was one of those wounds that probably played a major factor in Mr Sutton's death," said the Judge.

The Judge said that what was certain was that after two stabs, Sutton was in no sort of aggressive state.

The Judge said the victim moved into the house, was followed, and stabbed on further occasions.

He pointed out that Mr Harris was not an aggressor, and tried to help his friend.

Worvell reacted by stabbing him.

Fracking agenda

THE next meeting of Barry and Vale Friends of the Earth will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday, June 4 in the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, Barry, when 'fracking' will be the main item on the agenda and the need to organise opposition groups from Bonvilston to Llantwit Major.

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Wild Llangan!

'Llangan goes wild' is the theme at the Llangan and St Mary Hill Community Hall today (Thursday, May 30) from 1pm-4pm, when Animalzone UK brings along live snakes and bugs for those brave enough to handle them.

There will also be the popular face painting, a cuddly toy safari, animal arts and crafts. The all-inclusive cost is £3 per child, with free entry for mums and dads.

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standing success of the 2012 Llanfest, this year's event will take place again on the green at Fferm Goch, Llangan, on June 8 from 2pm-6pm.

During the day, visitors will be entertained with live music, many interesting craft and charity outlets, while children, as in previous years, will be catered for

with games and a bouncy castle.

Stall pitches are still available, the cost being £6 - but hurry, I am sure every available space will be taken.

Hopefully, the weather will be kind, and this year's event will be as successful as last year.

For further information, contact Mel on 07523493648.

Young at Heart
THE club has been in the doldrums lately, with the wet, cold weather, and daily

COFFEE MORNING

THE annual Age Concern Cardiff and Vale coffee morning will be held on Monday, June 3 at Llantian Hall, Llantwit Major, between 10am and 12 noon, to raise funds for the charity's Christmas party.

Tickets are £1.50 and include tea, coffee, biscuits (plus top ups), available from the Age Concern office, Commercial Street, Llantwit Major (01446 795549).

Stalls include home-made cakes, plants, bric-a-brac and a raffle.

To support the event, contact co-ordinator Gary Bohm (01446 795549).

news of unhappy events taking place in this country.

So it was somewhat uplifting to hear the good news of the birth of club member Sylvia Mordica's twelfth great-grandchild, a girl Thia May. We can only hope Thia will grow up in a much more happy and peaceful world.

Potholes
THE potholes near St Canna's on the Llangan to Treoes Road, have been filled in and no longer cause

a problem to human or horse.

Allotments
A few days ago, I had a peek to see how work was progressing on the Treoes allotments and was surprised to see several people busy with their individual plots.

There is still work to be carried out, and I understand a tree will be planted close to the boundary wall of Saron Chapel, and also a seat for those wishing to meditate and rest awhile.

Carers Week

DURING Carers Week (June 10 - 15)
Crossroads Care is holding a coffee morning/garden party in 'Greyholme,' Nottage Village, Porthcawl CF36 3SS on June 14 at 10.30am which is open to everyone.

Books, cakes, plants, bric a brac, raffle with several prizes, will be available, plus the '100 Club' draw with cash prizes. Tickets £1 from the office or on the door.

On Saturday, June 15, it will hold a fun walk/run from the Hi Tide, Porthcawl and then along the Promenade. (Registration from 9.30am.)

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Trips include visits to Minehead in west Somerset, with time ashore for a cream tea; the seaside at Ilfracombe; afternoon cruises round Flat Holm and Steep Holm; a day

trip to the Somerset sea-side at Weston; and a Saturday evening Showboat with jazz band on board.

Special days include trips to the west Somerset Steam Railway and on Sunday, June 9, the National Trust Island of Lundy with the annual service in the island church of St Helena.

There are special reductions on most cruises for senior citizens, all children under 18 are half fare, and all children under five travel completely free.

Copies of *Waverley's* full programme and tickets for all cruises are available online at waverleyexcursions.co.uk, from Cardiff Tourist Information Centre or Cardiff Bus offices.

To book by credit card call 0845 130 4647 (or passengers can buy their tickets on board *Waverley* when they sail).

Free programmes are also available from the kiosk on Penarth Pier and from the Silver Star Decorating and DIY store on Barry Docks.

Yacht club open day
BARRY Yacht Club will be holding an open day on Saturday June 1, when members of the public will be able to try sailing or rowing, as guests on members' boats.

No experience necessary, but booking is essential, and it will be a great day for experiencing the pleasure of being on the sea.

There will be a family barbecue and time to chat to members about what the club offers, including a varied programme of all-year-round social activities. The day starts at 11am.

For booking and further information, please email Maxine bycsecretary@hotmail.co.uk or phone Glynis, social secretary, on 07815 129684. See us at www.barryyachtclub.co.uk.

Women's Trail

AS part of the Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival, a walk will cover most of the Barry Women's Trail on Saturday, June 1, starting at 9.30am at Barry train station.

The first part of the walk will cover approximately five miles, at which point anyone on the walk can choose to finish.

The second half of the walk will cover a further six miles, ending back at Barry train station.

Sensible walking shoes are needed, along with waterproof clothing in case of inclement weather, also water and refreshments.

Mixed media
KNITTED trees and cars covered with colourful wool, juxtaposed with traditional watercolours and 3D photography feature at Barry Arts Festival in the Art Central gallery until Saturday (June 1).

The diverse display of art works ranges from traditional watercolour painting and digital photography to 3D photography and 'yarn-bombing', where items are covered in coloured wool.

The official opening last Friday included a book launch, signing and talk with Barry-based author and chair of the Arts Council of Wales, Dai Smith, who has just published his first novel, *Dream On*, and Professor Tony Curtis.

The exhibition is open from Tuesdays to Saturdays, 10am-4pm.

Nursery tea for charity
THE annual Marie Curie Blooming Great Tea Party is taking place at Fun Foundations Day Nursery, Cowbridge, on Saturday, June 1, at 12.30pm in the Vintage Tea Room.

Selection of sandwiches, cake, scones and

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tea, with donations taken for Marie Curie.

There will be two sitings, 12.30pm or 1.30pm.

To find out more, visit www.funfoundationsdaynursery.co.uk.

Valeways festival

VALEWAYS holds its fourth Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival from May 31 to June 2 with varied walks as planned.

For further details or to book your walk(s), call 01446 749000, email walkfest@valeways.org.uk, follow it on Twitter @vogwalkfest or visit www.valeofglamorganwalkingfestival.org.uk.

Valeways walks

ON Thursday, June 6 at 10.30am, the coffee shop strollers meet at Rhose railway station car park.

On Monday, June 10 at 7pm, 'Seven Counties View' starting at Peterston Super Ely at the footbridge near the Sportsmans Rest.

On Tuesday, June 11 at 7pm, 'Welsh St Donats/Hensol Forest, starting at Hensol Forest car park.

On Wednesday, June 12 at 10.30am, the coffee shop strollers (Barry Hub) meet at Cold Knap, Barry, outside the Bridge Cafe.

Also on Wednesday, June 12 at 10.30am, 'Llantwit to the Beach', starting at Llantwit Major railway station car park.

Coffee appeal
THE annual Age Concern Cardiff and the Vale coffee morning is being held on Monday, June 3, at

Llantwit Hall, Llantwit Major, between 10am and 12 midday, to raise funds to support the annual Christmas party.

Tickets are £1.50, available from the Age Concern office Commercial St, Llantwit Major 01446 795549 or pay at the door.

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Sunday buses

A NEW Sunday bus service has been launched by the Vale Council to improve access to the Heritage Coastal Path.

The G7 Summer Sunday Service will run from June 2 to

September 1 and the Greenlinks bus route includes Cowbridge, Llandow Caravan Park, Colhuw Beach, Llantwit Major, St Donats, Marcross and Nash Point.

It also meets selected trains at Llantwit Major Station, subject to departure times.

The service costs £2 for a single, £3 for an all-day pass and is free for Welsh concessionary pass holders. Pre-booking is not required.

Tax help

TAXHELP for Older People (TOP) will offer free professional advice for those on a restricted income, at Roz Couzens' Chiropody Surgery, Unit 4, Commercial House, Commercial Street, Llantwit Major, CF61 1RB on June 3 from 10am until midday. No appointment is necessary. Contact 0845 601 3321 or 01308 488066.

Council grants

BARRY Town Council will be holding its annual grants presentation evening in the Mayor's Parlour at the Council Offices, Barry Town Council, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry, on Wednesday, June 5, at 7pm.

Cheques will be presented by the Mayor, Coun Claire Curtis.

Charity quiz

BARRY committee of Cancer Research UK Cymru is holding a quiz on Wednesday, June 5 at the Mount Sorrel Hotel, Barry, at 8pm. Entrance fee is £2 per person, payable at the door or on the night.

Church fete

THE St Cadocs Church (Old Village) summer fete will be opened on Saturday, June 15 at 2pm, by Jane Hutt, AM for the Vale. Bouncy Castle, games for young and old, face painting, stalls, prize draw, Barry Brass Band. All under cover. Free admission.

'Van about Town' winner

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THERE is an unwritten rule that any film franchise which introduces Dwayne Johnson to the cast, improves said franchise by 87 per cent.

It worked for *GI Joe*, banishing memories of the atrocious first film, while his appearance as Luke Hobbs in *Fast Five* made that film, for my money, the best of the franchise.

He returns in *Fast & Furious 6*, which sees him reunited with Dominic Toretto (Vin Diesel), Brian O'Conner (Paul Walker), and their crew, when they are forced to team up to take down mercenary Shaw (Luke Evans), a mission made more personal for the pair with the reappearance of Letty (Michelle Rodriguez) who is seemingly helping Shaw...

The success of *Fast Five* in 2011 was a mas-

sive surprise, delivering a nitro-boost to a franchise that was in danger of running out of petrol and being taken for scrap.

The main reason for that was Dwayne Johnson, who really brought the film to life, making his return here a most welcome one; and while *Fast & Furious 6* sees Johnson take a less prominent role, it doesn't affect the overall quality, delivering thrills, spills, clunky dialogue and even clunkier acting – but still hugely entertaining.

Six films in and the franchise has no interest in reinventing the wheel; instead it sticks resolutely to what has made it successful in the first place and amping up these elements. With director Justin Lin (departing after this instalment) and screenwriter Chris Morgan on their fourth *Fast & Furious* collaboration, the pair have their jobs



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down to a fine art.

For Morgan, it's writing dialogue that splutters like a G reg Skoda and a story that ticks the genre boxes with aplomb, but while it should be a source of criticism, somehow it fits perfectly within the tone of the genre.

It's a similar story with Lin's direction, where subtlety is a naughty word and the more flesh, testosterone and vehicular carnage on show the better, but his direction plays up the conventions of what you would expect and never tries to be too clever.

He is also capable of crafting an impressive set-piece, and this film has three of them; a car chase around the busy streets of London (seemingly seen through the eyes of Austin Powers), a tank chase that just keeps getting more out of control and a climax involving an airplane

that caps the film off in high-octane style. There are also some hard-hitting fist fights, with top honours going to Gina Carano and Michelle Rodriguez's tube station scrap that would make the strongest man flinch.

What's less impressive is the acting, which has never been the franchise's strong point; Vin Diesel growls his way through it as you would expect, Paul Walker delivers his lines as if channeling a robot, and while Johnson is his usual charismatic self, the remainder of the cast won't be troubling the end-of-year awards.

But, to be fair, that isn't the point of this film; the point of *Fast & Furious 6* is to deliver wall-to-wall action, spectacle over substance, and it does that incredibly well, a unashamed genre film that delivers all you want.

VERDICT: Ludicrous fun, *Fast & Furious 6* makes no bones about doing what it does best, delivering action and spectacle with a knowing sense of reckless abandon. The acting is weak, the script predictable, but Justin Lin's epic direction makes this not just a worthwhile addition to the franchise, but also a grandiose blockbuster in its own right. **Recommended.**

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Fast Five* (2009), *Gone In Sixty Seconds* (2000).

Winner's talk to Scott Society

DAVID FARROW has told the Cardiff-based Captain Scott Society about his adventures in Kurdistan, where, as a member of the Cambridge University mountaineering team, he attempted climbs on a number of previously unconquered peaks.

Each year, the Scott Society expeditions committee selects its 'Spirit of Adventure' award winner from a wide range of appli-

cants. The award is worth £2,000, although some winners in the past have commented that it is the prestige associated with the award, rather than the money, which counts most.

The society looks in particular for a 'first' and the award is available to any individual or group undertaking an adventurous pursuit that exemplifies Captain Scott's spirit of adventure.

Contact either Jack Wright (expeditions secretary) on 02920 754869, or Julian Rosser (chairman) on 02920 626715.

Volunteer befrienders

THE Community Companions Befriending Scheme is looking for volunteer befrienders, particularly in the Porthcawl area and the Ogmore and Garw valleys.

The Big Lottery-funded Community Companions scheme for over-50s is co-ordinated by Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) and aims to match volunteer befrienders with people over 50 who are, for whatever reason, isolated and lonely.

For further details, call BAVO on 01656 810400 or email bavo@bavo.org.uk.

Art exhibition

FORMER Barry boy Arnold Lowrey is holding an exhibition of his recent paintings at the Norwegian Church, Cardiff Bay until June 2.

Entrance is free, and he will be demonstrating water colour painting on most days. Further details on 02920 891482, or alowrey@freezone.co.uk.

Glamorgan Young Farmers' rally takes a patriotic theme

Pictures by HEATHER MARCH

THE Glamorgan Federation of Young Farmers Clubs' rally was held on Pencoed campus, where all the competitions this year featured 'Best of British' or a Celtic theme.

Some Glamorgan winners now go forward to the Royal Welsh Show.



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Walking festival in Vale

THE 4th Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival takes place from May 31 – June 2, with 21 different walks.

On Friday May 31, at 10am, Valeways' walk leader Tim Williams has teamed up with Dr Ffion Reynolds, Cadw's public engagement and Welsh language manager for a circular walk passing through St Nicholas and around St Lythans.

Along the way we will take in the ancient burial chambers of Tinkinswood and St Lythans.

On June 1 at 2pm, join storyteller Katie Jones for a magical walk around Cowbridge's secret spots, to discover that stories arise from the most unexpected places. This walk will take place as part of the Vale's annual Walking Festival, will be an opportunity to hear ancient Welsh tales and songs bubble up from the River Thaw, and will climb upwards to Mount Ida, the 'Mountain of the Goddess', in Cowbridge. For further information, contact www.valeofglamorganwalkingfestival.org.uk.

THRILLER SET IN VALE

A NEW thriller set in the Vale of Glamorgan has been released by Y Lolfa publishers.

Blood Month by William Vaughan, is a detective story set in a fictional boys' boarding school in Llanover, where a young teacher chances upon the body of the unpopular headmaster.

It is the author's first attempt at an adult novel following the publication of three novels for children and young adults. Born and educated in Cardiff, William Vaughan has taught English and history at schools in Leicestershire and Cardiff.



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Catholic Church,
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Porth-y-Castell
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THURSDAY

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Land lease could ensure success for both Bluebirds and the Vale

IWOULD like to begin my column this month by congratulating Cardiff City Football Club on their promotion to the Premier League.

This is really good news for the club and their supporters, many of whom live in the Vale.

I have written to the club congratulating them on their success, and have since met with the club officials to discuss how the council and the club can work together in the future.

At that time, we discussed them setting up a Vale training ground and facilities near Hensol and agreed a way forward.

As a result, I pre-

sented a report to the Vale cabinet, who agreed to council-owned land being leased to the club to provide those facilities, subject to it going through the usual council procedures, and also subject to any planning approval that will be required.

The report set out our joint ambition to lease around 40 acres of council land to the club, which will allow the club to begin work on providing a Vale based state-of-the-art training facility and training pitches.

This will provide a long term base of operations for the Cardiff City FC professionals and senior academy squads. I am confident that this will be a success story for both of our organi-

sations and look forward to working closely with the football club, its management and supporters.

BARRY BLOW

On the subject of football, I was shocked and saddened to hear of the demise of the much loved Barry Town football club, when the owner withdrew the first team from Division One of the Welsh League, apparently without warning.

This is a real blow to football in Barry and I hope that the Barry Town supporters' committee can resurrect the situation, so that we can have a new football team as soon as possible.

When we took control of the council last year, we met with the Barry Town support-

VIEW FROM THE VALE



by Coun
NEIL MOORE
Leader of the
Vale of
Glamorgan
Council

ers' committee and had very constructive talks with them.

If we can assist, in any way that is open to us, we would be happy to do so, particularly as only last month the council agreed the appointment of Barry Town FC supporters' club, as primary user for the playing of football

at Jenner Park for the 2013/2014 season.

At that time, we believed that they would be playing this season and next.

I hope that before the next season begins, the Barry Town supporters' committee, which has actually been running the teams (and not the owner) can come to an

agreement with the FAW and the Welsh League to continue to play football at Jenner Park for years to come. I wish them all success in achieving their ambitions.

FOOD BANK
In relation to other matters, the Vale council has agreed to assist the Vale food bank to collect items for distribution to those in food poverty.

A donation box has been placed in the reception area of the civic offices in Barry, to provide a drop-off point for those wishing to contribute.

I hope that this will be successful, albeit regrettably that we have to have such a scheme in this day and age. This is yet another sign of the recession and the

impact of the Westminster Government's welfare reforms.

ISLAND ROAD

On a pressing issue, I am hoping that after meetings between Welsh Government officials and the Waterfront developers that some progress will be made to deliver another road to Barry Island.

I hope my previous interference has sparked some life into obtaining the road, but only time will tell.

Although by the time this column is read we will have had another Bank Holiday, I hope that there will not have been a recurrence of the congestion in and around Barry Island, as was the case recently.

It was clear that the

fatality blocking off Porthcawl caused extra traffic at our seaside resorts and that every facility was at capacity.

Although plans had been put in place, problems occurred; therefore, as a precaution, we are planning to put in place new traffic management arrangements – and have further discussions with the police to try to get more officers available over the holiday period.

I am hopeful that new arrangements can be put in place and that it will be successful, not only for the visitors, but also businesses.

Finally, I hope everyone had a good bank holiday weekend wherever they were.



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THERE was a time when the Continentals ruled the roost in wine production, but now Welsh producers are making their mark too.

Many of the country's 17 vineyards are opening their gates to the public this during Welsh Wine Week, from May 25 to June 2.

Vineyards are holding activities and special promotions, including tours and wine tastings.

Supported by the Welsh Government, the vineyard owners have produced a Wine Trail Wales leaflet to encourage wine tourism and launched a new website – www.winetrail-wales.co.uk – and social media pages on Facebook and Twitter (@WinetrailWales) to raise the profile of the blossoming industry.

To find out more details, visit the website or social media pages to find the full programme of Welsh Wine Week.

The Minister for Natural Resources and Food Alun Davies said: "It is encouraging to see producers working together collectively to form a Welsh Vineyard Association.

"In terms of quality and potential, Welsh wine is certainly making a name for itself at home and abroad."

Nowadays, many of the pubs and country inns throughout the Vale and Bridgend stock Welsh wines as well as Continental ones.

With the summer here at last, now is the time to get out and enjoy our local pubs and restaurants – and sample some of the great ales and wines produced locally.

Local eateries and pubs are doing their best to make dining out during the day or evening an affordable experience with lots of special offers – sometimes for children, two or three courses for a set price, and well-priced Sunday lunches.

So now is the time! Take advantage of the

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CARDIFF CROWN COURT ROUND-UP by AJ SILUNA

Judge says man's interest in computer images was 'nauseating'

A 65-YEAR-OLD man has been sentenced to a three-year community order at Cardiff Crown Court, for having pornographic pictures of children on his computer.

Alun Samuel, of Greenways, Porthcawl, was told by Judge Stephen Hopkins QC that his interest in such images was nothing less than "nauseating".

Samuel had been convicted by Vale Magistrates of one charge of possessing indecent images of children, and 12 of making indecent images of children.

Prosecutor Martin Kelly said the offences came to light when officers from the South Wales Public Protection Unit seized the computer belonging to Samuel.

There were 79 indecent images – 48 at level one, three at level three, 28 at level four. The most serious level is five.

Samuel was arrested and admitted accessing the indecent images.

He said they had "popped up" and had become an obsession.

"He expressed extreme remorse," said Mr Kelly.

Samuel's counsel, Alex Greenwood, said: "He was full and frank at the earliest opportunity. He has lost his impeccable character and will have to live with this for the rest of his life."

He was contemplating moving from the area.

Mr Greenwood said he was so shocked when the police arrived, he had to be taken to hospital and was receiving medication for a heart condition.

"He is under no illusion as to the seriousness of his position."

He said the utter humiliation of the case was a substantial punishment in itself.

The Judge said hitherto Samuel had led a blameless life.

The Judge said that as was his duty he saw some of the images and one involved a child of no more than four.

"Any normal person would find these images distressing. Each separate photo is a separate victim."

He said people who viewed them perpetuated the trade of the damage caused to young people.

Samuel was ordered to attend a sex offender programme course, and ordered to register as a sex offender for five years.

He was also banned for life from working with children, and the Judge ordered the forfeiture and the destruction of the computer.

The Judge also ordered a pair of binoculars found in Samuel's home be forfeited and destroyed. He was also ordered to pay £340 costs.

Judge tells jealous lover to 'grow up'

A JEALOUS lover who beat up a student has been sentenced to 12 months in a young offender institution, suspended for a year, and ordered to carry out 200 hours unpaid work.

At Cardiff Crown Court, Callum Wingren (19), a £300-a-week scaffolder, of Shakespeare Avenue, Penarth, was told by Judge Christopher Llewellyn-Jones: "You need to grow up."

Wingren had been convicted by Cardiff Magistrates of inflicting grievous bodily harm and committed to the Crown Court for sentence.

Prosecutor Geoffrey Jones said the teenage student travelled by train from Cadroxton to Bridgend College. A girl student, the girlfriend of the defendant, struck up a friendship with him.

"All that occurred was occasional verbal flirting."

Wingren sent him a text message saying: "Touch my girlfriend again, and I'll kill you. I'll find out where you live." He also said he would "break his legs, stamp on his head and kill him".

In a premeditated attack, said Mr Jones, the defendant waited to confront him in a car park, punched him to the left side of his face, punched him in both eyes, picked him up and threw him on the bonnet of a car, while delivering 15 blows.

He picked up the injured man's mobile phone and threw it away.

The teenager was taken to the University Hospital of Wales with cuts and bruises, numbness to the face and a cheekbone fracture.

In a victim impact statement, the injured person said he had to give up sport for three weeks, was on a restricted diet and was fearful of going out.

He no longer travels by train, and he said his friends and family thought he had changed.

Mr Jones said he had also received counselling.

"The attack has shattered his confidence and affected his personality," said Mr Jones.

Wingren claimed to the police that the youth

had thrown the first punch.

His solicitor, Aubrey Samson, said: "To say that he is deeply embarrassed and remorseful is an understatement."

"He believes the victim's friendship had gone too far, and he believed he could sort things out. If he could turn the clock back, he would."

"He used only his fists, and no weapons."

"He hopes to have a trial for Wales under-20 rugby team. He works hard and plays hard. He has made one mistake, and will not make another one."

The Judge said he had no right whatsoever to beat up someone who talked to his girlfriend.

The Judge added: "Keep your fists to yourself. What you did to that young man was unforgivable."

He was ordered to pay the victim £1,250 compensation, costs of £750 and a victim surcharge of £100.

The Judge also made a restraining order preventing the defendant having contact with the victim for two years.

Women sentenced for a series of drug offences

TWO young women broke down in tears in the dock at Cardiff Crown Court while being sentenced for a series of drug offences.

Samantha Herbert (21) of Mackworth Street, Bridgend, admitted supplying cannabis, and possessing drugs with intent to supply. She was made subject to a community order involving 150 hours unpaid work.

Dionne Howe (20) of the same address, admitted to supplying cannabis, possessing drugs with intent to supply and offering to supply drugs.

She was sentenced to eight months in a young offenders' institution, suspended for 18 months, ordered to carry out 220 hours unpaid work and made subject to a supervision order for 18 months.

Judge Christopher Llewellyn-Jones said: "You are two young women who realise you have ended up in serious trouble. Distribution of drugs is regarded seriously by the court, and normally there is a sentence of imprisonment."

He said he wanted them to understand how close they had come to going to prison. But, he said, the defendants had pulled themselves together, and hopefully the matter would be put behind them.

For many years, said the Judge, he had seen the destitution and terrible effects caused by drugs.

Prosecutor Jeremy Jenkins said the offences came to light last July when police went to an address in

Cowbridge Road, Bridgend.

There they found scales and a quantity of the Class A drug MDMA.

There was also a quantity of cannabis and cash of £200.

Howe later admitted supplying cannabis to friends. She also said she used cannabis and on occasion Herbert had delivered it to her.

The court heard she and Herbert had purchased MDMA for £200, and offered to supply it but not for gain.

Mr Jenkins said it was difficult to separate the role of each defendant, but each played a significant part in its distribution and sale.

Meirion Davies, for Howe, said: "She is an intelligent woman who has had problems. She is in absolute terror of going into custody."

"Luckily, she has pulled herself together and there is now a volte face. She is now of minimal risk of harm to the public because she has been pulled up short."

He said she worked in a management role and realised she had "made a complete ass of herself".

Dean Pullin, for Herbert, said she once worked for a law firm and possessed many attractive qualities.

"From the outset, there was complete co-operation. Hers was a lesser role, and she was mortified to find herself before the court."

He described her as "bright, but criminally naive".

Mr Pullin said she had enough about her to move on.

Brothers sentenced for a 'disgraceful incident' of affray

TWO brothers who took part in an affray in Barry were sentenced at Cardiff Crown Court.

Robert Avient (22) of Miskin Street, Barry, was jailed for 10 months and his 24-year-old brother Michael Avient, suspended to eight months' imprisonment, suspended for a year and ordered to carry out 180 hours unpaid work.

He was also made subject to an electronically-tagged three-month curfew from 6.30pm-6am.

Both men admitted a charge of affray.

Robert Avient also admitted inflicting grievous bodily harm on Cenevylt Ulug and Michael Avient admitted causing actual bodily harm to Jamie Jones.

Prosecutor Jason Howells said the parties involved had exchanged words, after which there was a fight.

The two victims were assaulted, one was hit over the head with a bottle.

The brothers later surrendered themselves to the police, and blamed the injured party for what had happened.

Mr Ulug had 12 stitches put in a head wound,

and a number of teeth were chipped. Mr Jones suffered cuts and bruises.

Robert Avient was said to have convictions for assaulting the police, and for a public order offence.

His brother had no previous convictions.

Claire Pickthall for Robert Avient, said something happened to make him to behave as inappropriately as he did.

"It is something he bitterly regrets. Such behaviour has affected the rest of his life."

"He is not stupid, but understands the seriousness of what has occurred."

"He is utterly terrified of what might happen to him, and in front of me he broke down in tears."

Byron Broadstock for Michael Avient, said he had a clean record, his partner was expecting a child, and he was at a low risk of re-offending.

"The offences were very much out of character. The injuries suffered by Mr Jones were minor."

Judge Niclas Parry said: "This was a disgraceful incident of drunken violence involving the use of a weapon."

Robert Avient, he said, over-reacted, struck his victim over the head with a bottle, which smashed.

Valeways get 'tidy' boost

VALEWAYS have been awarded £300 worth of National Garden Centre vouchers by environmental charity Keep Wales Tidy.

The vouchers will enable Valeways to improve the quality of their local environment by undertaking practical environmental projects.

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**Queen Street, Barry - £109,950**

Three bedroom traditional mid terrace property situated in West End of Barry. Open porch, hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen. Downstairs bathroom, upvc DG. Electric storage heaters. Enclosed rear courtyard. Close to local amenities, shops and train station with links to Bridgend, Penarth and Cardiff. Offered for sale with no chain.

**Merthyr Street, Barry - £110,000**

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Four/five bedroom split level property set on generous corner plot. Cul de sac location. Entrance hallway, bedroom four further reception room and bedroom five to ground floor. Cloakroom, lounge, dining room and kitchen to lower ground floor. Master bedroom with en suite shower. Two bedrooms and family bathroom to 1st floor. upvc DG. Gas CH. Viewing essential

**Somerset Road, Barry - £275,000**

Three/four double bedroom detached dormer. Generous plot with views across Barry and Bristol Channel. Porch, outer hall, entrance hallway, cloakroom, lounge, 2 bedroom, sitting room, dining room, kitchen. Utility and storage room to the ground floor. Two bedrooms and bathroom to 1st floor. Gas CH. Gardens to front, side and rear. Driveway.

**Colcot Road, Barry - £126,950**

Three bedroom semi detached. Central Barry. Porch, entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/diner. Shower room/utility room. Downstairs wc. Gas CH. upvc DG. Enclosed rear garden. Driveway with off road parking for numerous vehicles. Single detached garage. On bus route and walking distance of schools, college, shop and hospital. EPC Rating D. Offered for sale with no chain.

**The Heathers, Barry - £165,000**

Four bedroom detached property. Off Claude Road, West End of Barry. Entrance hallway, lounge, dining room through to kitchen. Conservatory. Downstairs wc. Family bathroom. upvc DG. Gas CH. Rear garden. Driveway with off road parking. Integral garage. Close to schools, college and bus routes. Within easy access of Cardiff and M4 corridor. EPC Rating C/D. Offer for sale with no chain.

**Heol Gwerthyd, Barry - £202,950**

Four double bedroom detached, set on generous plot on Penocentre Village development. East End of Barry. Entrance hallway. Lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room. Utility room. Downstairs wc. Family bathroom and ensuite to master bedroom. upvc DG. Gas CH. Gardens to front and rear. Driveway with parking. Single garage. EPC Rating D. Offered for sale with no chain.

**Hawthorn Road, Barry - £209,950**

Three bedroom detached. Situated in West End of Barry. Entrance hallway, lounge, dining room. Fitted kitchen. Downstairs wc. Family bathroom to 1st floor. Gas CH. upvc DG. Driveway for 2/3 vehicles. Detached single garage. Gardens to front and rear. Close to Romilly Primary School. Easy access to local amenities, public transport. EPC Rating D. Offered for sale with no chain.

**Gladstone Road, Barry - £219,950**

Four double bedroom semi detached. Heart of Barry. Panoramic views across Barry Waterfront. Porch, hallway, lounge, sitting room, family room, fitted kitchen. Master bedroom with en suite and built in storage. Three further double bedrooms. bathroom, upvc DG. Gas CH via combi. Enclosed rear garden. Hard standing. Walking distance to local amenities. Viewing advised. EPC Rating D/D

**Pontypridd Road, Barry - £249,950**

Two/Three bedroom detached bungalow. West End of Barry. Entrance hallway. Lounge, dining room/bedroom three. Kitchen/breakfast room, utility area, large bathroom. Cloakroom. Loft room. upvc DG. Gas CH. Gardens to front, side and rear. off road parking for 4/5 vehicles. Walking distance of shops, doctors surgery, primary school and bus routes. Close to Porthkerry park.

**Westward Rise, Barry - £252,950**

Four bedroom detached on large plot in Garden Suburb, West End of Barry overlooking Porthkerry woods. Entrance hallway, downstairs wc. Lounge, dining room. Fitted kitchen and utility room. Family bathroom to first floor. Gas CH. DG. Enclosed rear garden. Driveway with off road parking leading to single garage. Walking distance of Porthkerry Country park. Offered for sale with no chain.

**Port Road East, Barry - £319,995**

Well presented and maintained to high standard. Detached four bedroom 'true' bungalow. North of Barry. Plot approx one third of an acre. Hallway, lounge, dining room, utility room, utility area, kitchen, bathroom, upvc DG. Gas CH. Driveway with off road parking for numerous vehicles. Large enclosed garden with patio area with views across the Vale of Glamorgan and farmland. Viewing essential.

**Porth y Castell, Barry - £459,000**

West End of Barry with views across the Bristol Channel. Three reception rooms. Four bedrooms, large reception hall, lounge, dining room, study, kitchen, bathroom, upvc DG. Gas CH via combi. Oak flooring throughout ground floor with exception of kitchen. Gardens to front and rear. Driveway to double garage. In need of some updating. EPC Rating E. Offered for sale with no chain.

**Howard Court, Barry - £104,950**

Well presented two bedroom apartment situated on popular Pontypridd Road in the West End of Barry. Accommodation comprising: Hallway, lounge/dining room, kitchen. Bathroom. Separate wc. upvc DG. Gas CH. Benefiting from a garage to the rear of building in a block. offered for sale with no chain.

**Howard Court, Barry - £124,995**

Opportunity to acquire a two bedroom first floor apartment, set in block of four in West End of Barry. maintained to high standard. Entrance hallway, lounge, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms. Good size modern bathroom. upvc DG. Gas CH. Communal gardens. Garage. Off road parking. Close to local bus routes, shops and cafes. EPC Rating D.

**Blenheim Close, Barry - £174,950**

Three bedroom semi detached on the Highlight Park development, North of Barry. Porch, hallway, lounge, dining room, conservatory, kitchen. Family bathroom to 1st floor. Gas CH. upvc DG. Enclosed rear garden with areas laid to lawn and decking. Driveway leading to garage with power, lighting and plumbing for washing machine. Close to supermarket.

**Merthyr Dyfan, Barry - £199,950**

Two bedroom detached bungalow. Porch, hallway, lounge, dining room, bathroom and kitchen. DG. Gas CH. Enclosed rear garden. Garden shed. Greenhouse. Cotswold stone providing low maintenance to front garden. Driveway for four cars. Garage/workshop. Viewing essential to appreciate property. Easy access to Cardiff, M4 corridor and airport. EPC rating C/C

**Cilgnt y Mellion, Rhoose Point - £219,950**

Four bedroom detached. On the popular Rhoose Point development. Hallway, lounge, dining room, large conservatory, kitchen/breakfast room. Utility room. Downstairs wc. Family bathroom and ensuite to master bedroom. upvc DG. Gas CH. Enclosed rear garden. Driveway with off road parking. Single garage. Stunning coastal walks. EPC Rating D. No chain.

**Westward Rise, Barry - £345,000**

Four double bedroom detached. Set in cul de sac in Garden Suburb, backing onto Porthkerry Woodlands. Three reception rooms. Conservatory. Newly fitted kitchen. Utility room and downstairs wc. Bathroom with jacuzzi and modern shower. Ensuite to master bedroom. sauna and heated swimspa. Detached double garage. No chain.

**Dyfan Road, Barry - £126,950**

Three bedroom semi detached, situated in central Barry. Hallway, two reception rooms, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, storage room, bathroom and separate wc to 1st floor. upvc DG. Gas CH. Gardens to front, side and rear. Off road parking for two vehicles. Close to local amenities and bus route.

**Glynbridge Close, Barry - £159,950**

Three bedroom detached bungalow. Cul de sac location. North of Barry. Porch, hallway, lounge/diner, kitchen, shower room, upvc DG. Gas CH. Enclosed rear garden with views across playing fields. Low maintenance front garden. Driveway with off road parking for two vehicles leading to integral garage. Close to local amenities. No chain.

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Charity golf day benefits two local charities

THE annual NFU Mutual Bridgend and the Vale charity golf day at the Grove Golf Club was held recently, with 34 teams competing.

It raised £5,000 towards the two chosen charities – The Multiple Sclerosis Society and the Mount Pleasant Riding for the Disabled organisation, both based locally.

This has become a regular feature for both local golfers and businesses, due to the great atmosphere, great prizes, and a very well run day at an obliging golf club.

The agency provided most of the prizes, with a regular base of sponsors providing other prizes, and Oil Facilities Ltd paying for the club cleaning for every participant.

The ladies' winner was Mrs Caroline Kelly, and runner-up Amy Watkins.

The men's runner-up was Sam Mead of Principality Plastics, and the winner was Tommy Newell of ChemDry.



Neil Boobyer and his team receiving their prizes

Sam Mead also won two of the 'nearest the pin' prizes, along with Griff Morgan and Rhydian Harris.

The ladies longest drive was won by Amy Watkins, and the men's longest drive was won by Terry Harman of OFL.

The men's team prize is always hotly contested, and this year was won by Celtic Manor all stars, runners up Principality Plastics, and third place Boobyer's Boys.

The prize wanted the least, the 'best endeavour', was won by the Endeavours themselves!!

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Rhys triumphs at Royal Porthcawl

RHYS PUGH laid down a marker for selection for this summer's Walker Cup by winning the Welsh Open... Now he hopes to build on that form, following his return from the US for the summer.

He clinched the Welsh title against the challenge of other Walker Cup hopefuls, helping to put his name down for the team which will try to defend the trophy in New York in September.

Vale player Pugh emerged onto the international scene in dramatic fashion in the last Walker Cup, winning all three of his matches to help the GB and Ireland team to victory.

While Pugh was clinching the Welsh Open in South Wales, Haverfordwest's Becky Harries regained the Ladies Welsh Closed title at Nefyn in north Wales.

Pugh took control in the third round at Royal Porthcawl, following up on impressive performances at the end of the College year in East Tennessee.

An opening 68 and third round 66 laid the foundations, with a closing round of 70 enough to give Pugh the title by four clear shots and an eleven under total. Bamburgh Castle's Garrick Porteous was second, with Ross James of Royal Burgess third.

"It was a very satisfying win," admitted Pugh. "The key was the way I played off the tee and taking advantage of the par fives which were mostly reachable."

"To get a win early in the season back here is really important, it is always nice to lift a trophy. I am not really focussing on the Walker Cup selection or looking at the other players in contention."

"The course where the Walker Cup is being played is a really good golf course, but it has more of a links feel so that will be a bit of an advantage for us."

Pugh's win continues the strong start for Welsh golfers this season, with Boulden having won the Ladies Welsh Open, among a host of other strong results and victories.

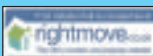


Julian Kelly greeting representatives from Mount Pleasant Riding for the Disabled, and also the Multiple Sclerosis Society

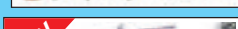


Rhydian Harris representing the Celtic Manor team receiving their bags

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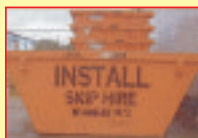
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DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2011 -
FOOTPATH 75, BARRY

The effect of the Order, if confirmed as made, will
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Ffordd Cwm Cidi, following a 5 metre wide tarmac
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after 47 metres and southwest after a further 69
metres, then continuing for 59 metres until the path
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168253) and enters into a tarmac forecourt. The path
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width of 5 metres for a distance of 11 metres to Point
C (NGR 309724 168246). From Point C, the path
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nate where it crosses into the boundary of Portkerry
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The purpose of the Inquiry is to enable the Inspector
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Rhoseo bingo

THE management committee of Rhoseo Community Hall is holding another bingo afternoon on Saturday June 1 at 2pm in Stewart Rd, Rhoseo. All proceeds will go towards the running of the hall.

The annual general meeting of the hall takes place on Monday June 3 at 7pm.

Surgery

LABOUR councillors for Dyfan ward, Barry, Anthony Powell and Claire Curtis, will hold an advice surgery on Saturday June 1 at Highlight Park Community Centre, from 11am to 12pm. No appointment is necessary.

Summer learning!

AT Barry Learning Centre enrolments are being taken for six, four-week courses with a flavour of summer.

Holiday French, out-and-about photography or sketching, garden mosaics, and a free course for those who want to gain confidence using a computer. There is also a creative writing course.

For anyone thinking of learning Welsh a new short taster course will be running at Palmerston centre from Monday June 3, 1pm - 3pm with a free creche.

Contact Barry Learning Centre (01446 738054) or Palmerston centre 01446 733762 for further details.

Hospital discharge advice

AGE Concern Cardiff and Vale are holding an informa-

tion session at The Senior Health Shop, Holton Road, Barry, when an advisor from Age Concern hospital discharge will be available to answer any questions or give advice to people over 50 on Tuesday June 4 10am - 12 midday.

Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Plant sale

JUNE 6, Llanilltyd Fawr In Flower, coffee morning and plant sale at Old Rosedew House, Colhugh Street, Llantwit Major, 10.30am. Open garden and Victorian dolls house. Support the town's floral display.

Ynysawdre music

YNYSAWDRE Village Hall presents an evening of multi-instrumental music with Chris Hastings on Friday June 6 at 7pm. Call Mair on 01656 722115 for details.

Art Society

ON Thursday June 6, Cowbridge Art Society welcomes Cardiff artist Kevin Strong, who will give a water-colour demonstration.

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge 7pm - 9pm. Visitors are welcome.

For full programme see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com.

Summer ball

PENCOED Town and District Twinning Association will be holding a Summer Ball to coincide with a visit from twin town Plouzané, Brittany on Saturday June 8 at Pencoed Miners' Welfare Hall.

It starts at 7.30pm, with a buffet supper served from 8pm. Details from Wendy McDonald on 01656 865633, or email eric.mcdonald012@btinternet.com or Mark Steer, tel 01443 230282, email marksteer@talktalk.net.

Lavernock festival

THE little Church of St Lawrence at Fort Road, Lavernock is hosting a flower festival on June 8 - 9, from 10am to 4pm.

The theme will be 'Noah's Ark' with colourful displays of flowers.

At 7pm on June 8, the Spectrum Singers will be giving a concert in the church; entrance £5, includes a glass of wine. Tickets from Richardson's Health Shop, Paget Rooms, Penarth, or call 029 20701303.

Elder abuse

VALE 50+ Strategy forum is holding an elder abuse awareness event on June 14 at Barry Central Library, King's Square, Ground Floor from 9.30am until 1.30pm.

Many information stands covering housing benefits, community safety, advocacy, CAB, Care & Repair.

RBL meets

THE next meeting of the Barry branch Roayl British Legion will be held on Monday, June 17 at 2.30pm in the Mayor's Parlour, Barry Memorial Hall.

League AGM

THE Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League will hold its AGM on Monday June 17 at the Seaview Labour Club at 7.30pm. Contact the Secretary at Leaguesec@live.co.uk.

Island road protest group calls for action

A protest group has been formed to demand that a second road to Barry Island should be built as a matter of urgency.

Last Sunday, a meeting was held at Barry Island Sports and Social Club into the problem of access from the town to the Island.

Organiser Ian Bailey told The GEM: "There was a very good turnout - over 200 people.

"We've decided to form a protest action group.

"People feel very strongly about the issue and there will be protests."

The Vale Council has said that it is in discussions with the Welsh Government and the Waterfront Consortium, trying to broker an agreement which will see a road constructed as a priority.

The controversy has

been muddled by a disagreement between the Vale Council and developers as to whether a loan has been offered to the consortium to help finance the road.

Mr Bailey said Island residents fear a new road could still be many years away.

Local MP Alun Cairns attended the meeting, and said afterwards: "I simply cannot understand why the council are prepared to see the delay of the road.

"After all, it won't cost them a penny. Its construction is a condition of the development of 'The Quays' area."

Coun Richard Bertin told The GEM: "We really must get to the bottom of this. Has a loan been offered to the developer or not?

"I'd call on the Welsh Government and Vale Council to do all they can to make sure the road is built as soon as possible."

Knitters unite!



Older People's Commissioner for Wales, Sarah Rochira, and Nora Howarth.

TO mark Age Concern Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan's 40th anniversary, a knitting project - 'Show you care, knit a square' - is under way.

Members of the public were invited to create a six-inch square all about themselves, which has now become part of a commemorative blanket.

The John Lewis Cardiff Store again played host for the project. Older People's Commissioner for Wales, Sarah Rochira, and Nora Howarth were judges.

Sarah Rochira, said: "It has been a real privi-

lege to be involved with Age Concern Cardiff and the Vale's knitting project. The entries showed such imagination and creativity, with each square telling a story of its own.

"I'm pleased that the blanket will be displayed around Cardiff for everyone to enjoy, and I especially look forward to showcasing the blanket at a number of my events".

A special mention goes to Karen Lowe from Age Concern who came up with the idea of the wall hanging to celebrate the anniversary.

JUNE CONCERT

BARRY Male Voice Choir is breaking with tradition - its annual concert is to be held in June, rather than October.

Choir Secretary Richard King explained: "It's a carefully considered decision. We feel that the new earlier date will allow the choir to embark on its new Christmas repertoire earlier than in the past and provide a more varied and well rehearsed programme. We are delighted to welcome two local talented soloists Jodi Bird and Tim Reynolds as our concert guests."

The concert will be held at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church Wyndham Street, Barry on Friday, June 14 at 7pm. Tickets £6 are available from choristers, at the door, or tel 01446 402398.

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5x60 has also had remarkable success in competition this year. Two teams made it through two stages of competition to represent the school in the badminton national finals; the boys achieved fourth position and the girls came first, giving them the title of Welsh champions.

The senior boys won the Vale basketball tournament held at the Welsh Institute of Sport and the dodgeball tournament held at Llantwit Major Comprehensive School. The girls came second in the Vale football tournament and have progressed to the national finals being held in Caerphilly and the cricket team came second overall at the Lady Taversers cricket tournament at Sophia Gardens. The year 10 boy's dodgeball team have also recently become Welsh champions.

Finally 5x60 has given a number of pupils the opportunity to increase their coach education by subsidising the cost of qualifications. One pupil has undertaken their level 2 tennis qualification and has taken ownership of the 5x60 tennis activities. Two pupils have been approached to undertake their

level 1 gymnastics and will help to deliver sessions in the autumn.

An Active Young People course was delivered in September for pupils years 10 – 12. This course provides pupils with the fundamental coaching skills needed to conduct sports sessions for primary school children. These pupils are then placed into a sports institution of their choice to gain experience and complete their qualification.

Overall 5x60 continues to go from strength to strength; ensuring pupils are being introduced to a variety of sports and providing the necessary pathways and competition needed to grow, improving standards and enthusiasm in sport.

COWBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL WIN WELSH UNDER-16 RUGBY FINAL

ON May 11, Cowbridge year 11 rugby team played Ysgol Gwyr from Swansea at the Millennium Stadium in the final of the Welsh School Cup. The team bus arrived at the stadium and the pupils entered through the players' entrance into the main changing rooms.

Staff and parents had worked hard to ensure that the changing rooms were well prepared for the players and each pupil had name plates, warm-up shirts, drinks and playing kit all laid out ready for them.

The players took to the field and immediately put the opposition under huge pressure by dominating the early physical encounters. The Cowbridge pack overpowered Gwyr at the first lineout and Llwyd Elms crashed over from the driving maul. With Tom Higgins outstanding throwing in and Matt Lock and lifters in fine form Cowbridge dominated the set piece.



The year 11 pupils celebrate their success at the Millennium Stadium.

Shortly after the restart Cowbridge piled on the pressure again and Arron Bowman capitalised with a try out wide after some fine footwork from Nicky Griffiths and Dan Evans.

Gwyr were unable to get any possession and Cowbridge once again took the opportunity of a quick tap penalty and scrum half Harry Goodfellow crashed over just before half time. With Sam Richards converting, Cowbridge looked comfortable and took a 17 – 3 lead into the interval.

The second half got underway in much the same way. Cowbridge once again started with all of the territory and possession but then a mistake in mid-field led to a breakthrough Gwyr try. The conversion took the score to 17 – 10.

The momentum of the game took a massive swing and suddenly all the pressure was coming from the Swansea school who scored another quality try from inside their own 22. The conversion took the score to 17 – 17 and, with only five minutes remaining, the game could have swung either way.

Cowbridge fought back strongly and the players showed their mental quality by forcing their way back into the Gwyr half and captain Josef Gaughan was unlucky to be denied what seemed a clear try. The Cowbridge boys fought back again and won a lineout on the 22 metre line.

Tom Higgins once again hit Matt Lock with a perfect throw. Daniel Holder, who was outstanding throughout, held the ball at the back of the maul as

the Cowbridge pack once again tightened the screw and drove the Gwyr pack back towards their line. Holder broke at the perfect time and crashed over to claim the win at 22 – 17 and cement a fantastic achievement for the pupils, staff and school.

The final whistle was greeted with some jubilant celebrations from staff, parents, supporters and players alike. This was the first time in the school's history that they had reached the under-16 cup final and the way in which the boys fought back in the last few minutes made the win even more special.

After the game the players were treated to a meal in the Past Internationals lounge and there was another presentation of the cup from former British Lion, and Welsh Schools chairman, Mr Roy Bergiers.

This group of players will now form the bulk of the new School Rugby Academy which is being run in partnership with the Cardiff Blues and the WRU.

The pupils started pre-season training this week as they look to build on the recent success over the next two years. The academy will officially launch in September and league games will be televised live on S4C.

The school would like to thank the WSRU for the opportunity to play at the Millennium Stadium as well as all parents, staff and supporters who came along on the day to share in this fantastic achievement. Diolch yn fawr!

Cowbridge's first XI go flat against Neath...

COWBRIDGE Cricket Club's First XV gave a rather flat account of themselves against the leaders of Division 1, Neath, on Saturday – going down by nine wickets.

The Athletic Ground looked magnificent and the pitch was perfectly true, all the ingredients for the home side to post a big total. Faced with the most accurate attack in the league, somehow

they never really got going.

A poor start contributed, losing two early wickets. A recovery stand of 55 between Jack Harris (44) and Chris Willey (18) saw Cowbridge threaten to get going only for the latter batsmen to fail to get to grips with the task in hand.

The loss of wickets on a regular basis meant that Rob Carney (17 no) had to be somewhat circumspect in his approach as Cowbridge were finally dismissed

for 124. The main menace to the batsmen was Neath's Glamorgan Academy player Keiron Bull, who took 5-30.

Set this modest target, Neath took their time, scoring just 51-1 off 25 overs, the wicket a fine catch by Harri Collier off Phil Harris. However, with wickets in hand, the result was never really in doubt as the Neath batsmen saw the visitors safely home.

JRB

... AS THEIR SECOND XI ARE OUTCLASSSED BY NEATH

IT has been a disappointing start to the season for Cowbridge's 2nd XI.

The introduction to first division cricket has been an eye opener to Cowbridge and last week against Neath was to prove the clearest example of the standard of cricket that they will face this season.

On another lovely day Cowbridge travelled to the Gnoil whereupon captain Jonty Webb lost the toss and Neath decided to bat.

Thankfully this week Cowbridge had been able to get a full complement of players out onto the field and the attack was being led by the talented youngsters Zac Summer-Hayes and Rian Thomas. Rian struck early to remove one of the open-

ers and then a further wicket was to fall after a terrific piece of fielding by Cai Owen, who threw down the stumps to run out the other Neath opener.

Unfortunately, things then started to go south for Cowbridge as a sizeable partnership was put together between the Neath number 3 and their captain.

With a quick outfield and a good pitch, coupled with some indifferent catching by the Cowbridge fielders, the Neath batsmen began to push the score along.

Despite this, on the whole, the bowling was good with fine performances from the likes of Rian Thomas (3 for 49), James Middleton, Cai Owen and Zac Summer-Hayes; all relatively inexperienced to this standard of cricket.

As ever a modicum of control was brought by the bowling of Ian Evans who finished with figures of 3 for 57 of his 15 overs. However, Neath managed to post a formidable total of 245 in their 50 overs.

Cowbridge knew that this was going to be a challenge to overhaul a total of 245 and in all honesty Cowbridge never looked like reaching this total. The Neath opening attack was consistent in their lines and lengths, bowling at a good pace backed up by sharp fielding.

Wickets went at regular intervals with both openers going cheaply with only Ian Evans and Cai Owen providing any resistance. In the end, though, Cowbridge were bundled out for only 52.

This was a very one sided encounter with

Neath far more superior in every department. However, there were some positives to come out of the game.

The bowling from the likes of Rian Thomas, Cai Owen, James Middleton and Zac Summer-Hayes, all under the age of 16, was very promising. At no point did they let their heads drop and they stuck to their task admirably.

These players are the future of the club and coming up against a side such as Neath will have only highlighted to them the standard of cricket that they will face this season. It is hoped that these players will continue to improve and put in further good performances throughout the season.

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Super week for lady bowlers with league and Cup victories

COWBRIDGE lady bowlers had a super week with wins in a CCS match away at Bridgend Municipal, and a league at home match against Rhosee.

Continuing on from those wins, four ladies went to Bridgend to play in the Glamorgan vice president's team in a match against the President's team, and their rink won 21-15. Their rink was also the best winning rink of the match, played on grass, and considering the ladies play on an all-weather green at home, this was a real achievement for them. The four were Lynda Wilson, Kay Edwards, Pat Holdsworth and skip Sue Flower - well done ladies!

In their CCS match at Bridgend Municipal, again on grass, the ladies won 49-47. Diane Purnell, Sylvia Hole, Jan Lewis and skip Pat Holdsworth won 17-13, the rink of skip Kay Edwards, with Diane Lloyd, Mary Dowdle and Sue Flower, won 21-8, with the only losing rink of Margaret

Cooper, Lynda Wilson, May Jones and skip Joy Woolford, going down 11-26.

The league match at home against Rhosee was a win by 81-36 shots. Skip Anne Jarvis, Lynda Wilson, Margaret Cooper and May Jones had a big win, 43-8; also the rink of Diane Purnell, Sylvia Hole, Pat Holdsworth and skip Sue Flower had a good win, 26-12. Skip Joan Bradley's rink lost 12-16, but it's nice to see our ladies doing well!

In the final match of our round robin in the Caruthers Shield, the men beat Millwood at home, 106-69, but due to Murch winning their three games, they qualified not us.

On the rink of skip Steve Dickens, Clive Pritchard, Len Taylor and Brian Williams, they had a 'hot shot' (winning eight shots on one end) and won well 41-13.

Charles Saunders, Dave Williams, John Jones and skip Roger Barwick won 26-18, and on the rink of skip Norman Wilkinson, with Ron Frayling, Rob Lewis and Colin Wilson, they

were losing 2-14 but managed to pull back to win 23-20; skip John Trott's rink lost by only two shots, 16-18.

In the Munro Cup match at home to Dinas Powis, we had another good win, 71-54, with wins for Dennis Snellings' rink (14-11), Peter Launder's rink (17-11), and Byron Richards' rink had a good win, 29-13; skip John Trott's rink lost 11-19.

In a friendly match away against Barry Romilly, we lost on all four rinks, 53-86.

Last Sunday, we had a club fun day in glorious sunshine with 33 bowlers taking part. We started at 10am and finished bowling at 5pm, with each triples team playing four matches in a round robin competition. The overall winning team was Lynda Wilson, Jan Lewis and Norman Wilkinson.

Many thanks to the ladies for providing a ham salad and trifle lunch, and scrumptious cakes and cups of tea to finish off a very enjoyable day - phew, what a week that was!

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